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SUBJECT: GOM CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF UN COMMISSION ON
NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF A. MEXICO 1447, B. STATE 17503 AND PREVIOUS,

1. SUMMARY: DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MEXICO (SEE REF A)
VANCE DISCUSSED GOM CANDIDACY WITH MEXICH AG OJEDA PAULLADA
(GOM'S CANDIDATE FOR CND PRESIDENCY) AND DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR
(FONSEC) BARONA LOBATO. GIST OF CONVERSATIONS IS GIVEN BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN JAN. 26 MEETING BETWEEN VANCE AND AG OJEDA, LATTER IMMEDI-
ATELY RAISED QUESTION OF CND CANDIDACY, ANNOUCING THAT SOVIETS
HAD TOLD GOM THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE MEXICAN CANDIDACY.
VANCE REPLIED SUCH STATEMENT REALLY WAS INSUFFICIENT TO ASSURE
MEXICAN SUCCESS. WHAT WAS NEEDED, HE SAID, WAS FOR BABAYAN
AT SUNDAY NIGHT STEERING GROUP MEETING (FEB. 15) TO ANNOUNCE:
(A) USSR WAS WILLING TO STAND ASIDE FOR ONE YEAR, WITH ASSURANCE
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THEY WOULD GET PRESIDENCY IN 1977; AND (B) THEY WERE DOING THIS

IN FAVOR OF MEXICAN CANDIDACY. VANCE SAID USG WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE GOM CHAIRMAN AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT GOM CANDIDACY. VANCE TOLD OJEDA THAT WE WOULD GO TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THEIR POSITION ON GOM CANDIDACY, REF B, AND THAT POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS DEMARCHE WOULD ENABLE US ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT OJEDA'S CANDIDACY.

3. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION THAT EVENING (JAN. 26) WITH OJEDA AND BARONA, AND IN PRIVATE CHAT WITH OJEDA ON JAN. 27, VANCE FURTHER EXPLAINED RULES OF GAME IN GENEVA. HE SAID THAT WHILE USG WANTED TO BE OF MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE TO GOM AND HE, AVANCE, WOULD DO ALL HE COULD FOR OJEDA PERSONALLY, THERE WERE LIMITS TO OUR ABILITY TO AFFECT OUTCOME DECISIVELY. HE THEREFORE URGED GOM DO ALL IT CAN TO OBTAIN NECESSARY COMMITMENT FROM BABAYAN AT SUNDAY STEERING GROUP MEETING. IF THIS IS SUCCESSFUL, THEN THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM OJEDA STATED HE UNDERSTOOD SITUATION PERFECTLY AND WOULD EXPLAIN IT TO SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. FINALLY, VANCE SAID THAT AS AS WE RECEIVE REPLY TO DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS (REF B) WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH.
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